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TO: Community E-lert Recipients
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TWO MAIL THIEVES ARRESTED EARLY MONDAY MORNING

On Monday May 2nd at approximately 3:45AM while patrolling the Town of Hunts Point, a Medina Officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound with an equipment violation and stopped the vehicle with four occupants. The four occupants, residents of South Seattle, claimed to be lost. Upon questioning each of the subjects, the Officer determined their stories were inconsistent and their reason for being in the area was implausible. Two of the occupants gave consent for the Medina Officer to search inside the vehicle. The search yielded approximately 20 stolen credit cards under various names, 12 stolen checks, drug paraphernalia, suspected methamphetamine, and approximately 15 pieces of stolen mail from Seattle. In addition, one of the subjects had lock pick tools inside his jacket, and the other is described in a current protection order as being 'armed and dangerous'. All occupants of the vehicle were identified, and Medina Detectives will be filing criminal charges through investigation against the two key figures.

Medina detectives will be sharing this information with other local law enforcement agencies in an attempt to link these suspects with other unsolved crimes. Due to the early detection by the Medina Officer, no Medina or Hunts Point residents were victimized by these suspects.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Don't make it easy for a thief. Be sure your garage, exterior doors and windows, as well as your vehicle are secured and alarmed whenever possible.
- If you have a mailbox, be vigilant about checking your mail soon after it is delivered. If you will be out of town, request the Post Office hold your mail until you return.
- Residents are encouraged to consider a locking mailbox or having mail sent to a post office box.
- If you see or hear any suspicious persons, activity, or noise, call 911 and an Officer will gladly respond and investigate, day or night.
- For further crime prevention information, visit the Medina Police Department website at www.medina-wa.gov. Select the Police Department link on the left side of the homepage, and once opened, choose 'Crime Prevention'.

If you wish to speak or make a comment about this information please email Chief Chen at jchen@medina-wa.gov .